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SUBJ: SOVIET VIEWS ON LATIN AMERICA

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTEL. WE CAN DO MORE ALONG THESE LINES, BUT OUR PROBLEM IS THAT WE LACK MUCH OF THE SPECIFIC EXPERTISE WHICH WOULD MAKE SUCH CONVERSATIONS MORE THAN marginally USEFUL. WE HAVE ENORMOUSLY MORE ACCESS HERE THAN WE USED TO, BUT OUR BASE OF KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT THE SOVIETS ARE SPECIFICALLY DOING IN LATIN AMERICA IS LIMITED. WHILE WE CAN USE ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT WE CAN GET, EVEN MORE USEFUL WOULD BE SOME TYPE OF SPECIFIC CHECKLIST FROM YOU GUIDING US ON WHAT WE SHOULD BE ASKING SOVIET-LATIN AMERICA EXPERTS, SO THAT WE WOULD KNOW WHERE YOUR REAL CONCERNS LIE. IF YOU COULD GIVE THIS TO US ON A PERIODIC BASIS, PERHAPS EVERY MONTH OR SO, THIS WOULD SHARPEN OUR QUESTIONING AND MAKE OUR REPORTING FAR MORE RELEVANT TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

2. LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING YOU WHEN WE ARE ON CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER.
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